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TO : Chief, PPS

DATE: 5Sep56

FROM : Acting Chief, LAS

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #36

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Lack of a sufficient number of students caused the cancellation on 4 September of the Americans Abroad Course on [REDACTED]. This course had been specially scheduled for 10-14 September in order to meet 24 training requirements levied on LAS. All Offices with requirements were contacted in the past several weeks but by cancellation time only 3 applications had been received and only 3 more promised, and all 6 were from the SE Division of DD/P. A briefing on [REDACTED] supplemented by films ordered for the cancelled course, has been arranged for the SE group and will be given 11 and 12 September from 1000 to 1200 hours.

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2. Inquiry was received from [REDACTED] Management Staff, on OTR policy regarding personnel from MS attending an AMA Seminar.

3. Another group of five applications have been forwarded to FSI for attendance of Agency reservists at a combined FSI-USIA two-week program in Communist Strategy.

4. Commo has expressed interest in, and requested OTR assistance in procuring, copies of four special extension courses from the Army Signal School.

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5. At the request of [REDACTED] a meeting was arranged with [REDACTED], on 31 August to discuss a training problem.

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6. Information was requested by [REDACTED], [REDACTED] for counsel and advice to be furnished a university student interested in preparing for a linguistic career in Government service.

7. Security has recently received official reply to an inquiry of last May, indicating that [REDACTED] will be required for attendance at the Air Weapons Orientation Course.

8. [REDACTED] has been notified that a GS-15 candidate for attendance at the Mid-Career program conducted by FSI would be fully acceptable.

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9. LAS has been receiving valuable assistance from members of the Visual Aids Staff. In a variety of recent contacts, their efforts have been noticeably courteous, competent and cooperative.

10. Col. Underwood, Secretary of the Army War College, inquired by phone 31 August regarding the type of academic report the Agency prefers on its representatives who complete the course there. [] expressed preference for a narrative evaluation, to supplement the generalized statement of attendance heretofore furnished us.

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11. [] discussed with Mr. Leon Dostert of the Institute of Languages and Linguistics the possibility of his arranging nighttime classes for two groups of Agency employees. Mr. Dostert stated that this would be possible and would inform us shortly of costs and other arrangements. These students are NEA employees, beginners and intermediates, who are not able to take daytime language courses because of the pressure of their office work.

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12. Current enrollment in internal language training programs is [] in classes and [] in self-study. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of [] hours by [] students.

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13. We are happy to report that [] has been with us since 4 September, and has already become involved in much paper work and phone activity. We welcome her arrival and hope for a lengthy tour.

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14. [] will return from leave 14 September.

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